

Carrefour kicks off Bukit Rimau's commercial phase

Malton Bhd is now going into fifth gear with the development of the commercial and final phase of its 384-acre Bukit Rimau residential landmark in Shah Alam, Selangor.

This constitutes the remaining 15 per cent of land (or 57.6 acres) in the township that Malton has set aside for commercial use, which will kick off with the Carrefour hypermarket targeted for opening year-end.

Last month, Malton signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Magnificent Diagraph Sdn Bhd, the holding company for Carrefour in Malaysia, under which the latter purchased 7.25 acres for RM20 million to build the hypermarket.

"With the entry of one of the world's top hypermarket retailers, Bukit Rimau residents will no longer

have to travel to Subang Jaya to shop as Carrefour will be right at their doorstep, further enhancing the township's value," said Malton executive director Hong Lay Chuan.

He said 85 per cent of Bukit Rimau has been developed into residential units and facilities including a clubhouse, kindergartens, public and international schools such as the Chinese Taipei School (Kuala Lumpur), a surau, the Shah Alam Buddhist Society, and orchard and herb garden.

"The jewel in the crown is the commercial component, where the hypermarket and hospital will be situated.

"Along with the up-and-coming Columbia Asia Hospital, this integrated township will be complete with the addition of Carrefour," he noted.

Columbia Asia, a 30:70 partnership between

the Employees Provident Fund and Columbia Asia Healthcare Sdn Bhd, is now opening the tender for its hospital in Bukit Rimau and construction is planned to commence next year.

Hong said with the hypermarket as a tapping ground for business spill-overs, Malton has plans for a 24-unit shop-office hub adjacent to it.

"We have earmarked the area to be developed in the near future to complement the hypermarket and are currently receiving registration for the first phase of two blocks of shop-offices that will have a gross development value (GDV) of RM18 million."

Together with the launch of the shop-offices, he said, Malton will also unveil 16 units of high-end semi-detached houses in Bukit Rimau with a GDV of RM30 million before year-end.

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